## **SENATE BILL 638**

## By Marrero B

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 71, relative to developmental disabilities.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. On or before September 1, 2007, the commissioner of finance and administration is directed to seek an amendment to the appropriate federal Medicaid home and community based services waiver for the mentally retarded and the developmentally disabled that is operated by the division of mental retardation services to include developmentally disabled persons with autism who are otherwise eligible for services under the waiver without regard to the person's extent of significantly sub-average intellectual functioning.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.